

We must remember that Haitians fought with us in the American Revolution. They sent troops to be at our side. Then, in 1825, 20 years after they received their own independence, the United States agreed with France that they, as a new independent nation, should be forced to pay back the slave owners of France, who, they believed, needed reparations for lost income from slave labor. Until almost 1940—something, the people of Haiti have been paying that money back. In today's dollars, that would be over \$20 billion that this small island nation has paid to the people of France for their freedom.

Imagine if we had been forced to pay England for our own independence.

America has significant trade agreements and economic support with our neighbors to the north and the south, Canada and Mexico. However, when it comes to our third border, the Caribbean, that becomes an absolute afterthought, if they are thought of at all.

America wants these nations to be stable and support them at multinational forums but lacks the forethought to engage them as partners in the first instance. We intervene in political instability without meaningful engagement in civil society.

Hurricane relief and support for resilience, vaccination support, support for trade and educational alternative energy partnerships, infrastructure investments, those are the things that Americans should be engaged in at the first instance so we do not have what we have at the border happening now.

China, of course, is all through the Caribbean, giving lasting and meaningful investments there and demanding support from the Caribbean nations at the U.N., the Organization of American States, et cetera.

It is well-researched fact that rural infrastructure investments can lead to higher productivity, employment, and economic opportunities. Solid infrastructure powers business, encourages trade, provides much-needed protection for countries from the unpredictability of a natural environment, all things that Haiti is missing to date.

Substantively, the U.S. has neglected to develop meaningful, substantive trade relationships in Haiti and the larger Caribbean that could help them and help us. We need to do better.

#### WORSENING BORDER CRISIS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. MCCLINTOCK) for 5 minutes.

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, the collapse of our southern border now poses a mortal danger to our country. No civilization has ever survived the magnitude of mass migration that this administration is not only accommodating but is encouraging.

When Donald Trump left office, we had operational control of our borders. The border wall was nearing comple-

tion. Court-ordered deportations were finally being enforced. The Migrant Protection Protocols negotiated with Mexico reduced the number of fraudulent asylum claims to a trickle.

All that Biden needed to do was to continue these policies. Instead, he reversed them on his first day in office. He ordered the border wall to be abandoned, leaving construction gaps that make it useless. He ordered ICE to cease enforcing the law. He reversed the remain in Mexico policy. And he sent a clear and unmistakable message heard around the world: America is now a nation without borders. And nations without borders aren't around very long.

The numbers are staggering. In July, Customs and Border Patrol encountered 212,000 foreign nationals illegally entering our country. That is the entire population of Birmingham, Alabama, in a month. In August, another 209,000, which is Des Moines, Iowa.

There have been, already, 1½ million such encounters this year, and the Gallup organization warns us there are 42 million people living in poverty in Latin America and the Caribbean who intend to come here if they can. And they are.

Almost overnight last week, 15,000 Haitian nationals illegally crossed the border and set up camp in Del Rio, Texas. It is reported that DHS is tracking an additional 40,000 to 60,000 Haitian migrants between Colombia and the U.S. border. Contrary to claims by the administration, only a fraction of them have been returned to Haiti. It appears the vast majority are being rapidly and furtively processed into our communities.

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There is no denying the fact that this is a deliberate policy by this administration to fundamentally change the economy, politics, culture, customs, and institutions of the American Republic.

Democrats on the Judiciary Committee just voted to grant amnesty, permanent legal residence, and a fast track to citizenship for between 8 and 10 million foreign nationals who have already illegally entered our country, defied our laws, thumbed their noses at our sovereignty, and are demanding to stay and are expecting American taxpayers to continue to support them.

Eight to 10 million, we need to understand what that means. Eight million is the entire population—every man, woman, and child—living in the States of Alaska, Maine, Delaware, Wyoming, North Dakota, South Dakota, Rhode Island, Montana, and Vermont combined.

This is at a time when real family earnings are declining, crime is increasing, homelessness is rampant, and mounting debt is killing the American Dream of a better future for our children.

Is it any wonder our borders are overwhelmed? Ask the migrants why they

are coming. Every one of them will tell you it is because of Joe Biden's promise of admission, amnesty, and citizenship.

That is why we are seeing this tragic and shocking trafficking of young children, and it is going to continue until we secure our border and start enforcing our immigration laws, which are already among the most liberal in the world.

We are told we need to legalize those who illegally took Americans' jobs as essential workers during the pandemic. The fact is, 45 percent of the entire workforce is considered essential by the government. That is hardly an exclusive group. What the Democrats are really saying is that if you are part of the 55 percent of Americans they don't consider essential and you lost your job during their leftist lockdowns, you will be pushed aside for those who violated our laws, broke the rules, and now compete in the job market that you are trying to get back into, while using your money to do it.

Please, someone, explain to me: How are American workers helped by flooding the labor market with another wave of illegal immigration? How are our children, who have been robbed of an entire year of their educations, helped by filling their classrooms with non-English-speaking classmates? How are our communities made safer by making it harder to deport criminal illegal aliens and gang members? How are our hospitals made more accessible by overwhelming emergency rooms with illegal immigrants demanding care?

Mr. Speaker, people are asking me every day: How could this have happened to our country? And the answer is simple. If you voted for the Democrats, this is what you voted for. And if you are surprised, you weren't paying attention.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF EMILY DEROCRO

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Michigan (Ms. STEVENS) for 5 minutes.

Ms. STEVENS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of my dear friend, Emily Stover DeRocco, a generous spirit and dedicated public servant who inspired others to discover their purpose and to follow their dreams.

Known for getting things done, Emily headed to Washington after graduating from Penn State University, determined to find a role working in the Federal Government, hoping to make a difference in the lives of everyday Americans.

As the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Employment and Training in the George W. Bush administration, Emily was instrumental in redesigning our country's workforce development programs, particularly in strategically realigning education and economic development initiatives with the needs of